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1. PLENARY CONTACT GROUP HELD FIRST MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON (SEPT 6). PRESIDENT OF BOARD (LUKANOV, BULGARIA) PROPOSED TAKING UP PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV AND DRAFT RESOLUTION ON DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. (UNCTAD IV REPORTED SEPTEL.) PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT (SEE REFTEL) THEREFORE HELD IN GROUP B AND IN CONTACT GROUP SATURDAY MORNING, AND INFORMAL GROUP B DRAFTING GROUP MET THAT AFTERNOON.

2. MAJOR OUTCOME OF MEETINGS WAS REAFFIRMATION BY ALL PARTIES OF PAST POSITIONS ON DECLARATIONS AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND ON RESOLUTION LANGUAGE URGING OR REFERRING TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION. OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH ONE OF
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DRAFT RESOLUTION IS TAKEN VERBATIM FROM ECOSOC OMNIBUS

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RESOLUTION (RES 1911 (LVII)) AND IS RECOGNIZED BY
ALL AS MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENT IN DRAFT. G-77
SPOKESMAN (CHADHA, INDIA) SAID "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
COULD ACCEPT NO LESS." THOSE GROUP B COUNTRIES WHICH
COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS TEXT FOUND FAULT IN IT ONLY BECAUSE
AT TIME OF ADOPTION OF THE TWO GA RESOLUTIONS. US DEL
REITERATED THAT US POSITION WAS MORE FUNDAMENTALLY
OPPOSED TO SENSE OF THE PARAGRAPH.

3. CONCLUSION WAS THAT EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON REMAINING
PARAGRAPHS WHICH REFER TO SECRETARIAT, TDB AND SUBSIDIARY
BODIES, WHITH GENERAL EXPECTATION THAT PARAGRAPH ONE WILL
BE PUT TO SEPARATE VOTE.

4. ISSUES WILL BE PURSUED IN GROUP B MEETING AND
PLENARY CONTACT GROUP SEPTEMBER 9. US DEL WILL MAKE
CLEAR THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IN ELABORATION OF COMPROMISE
LANGUAGE ON ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO DECLARATION
AND PROGRAM ARE ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS.

5. FOLLOWING COMMENTS REFLECT GENERAL AGREEMENT
EMERGING FROM INFORMAL GROUP B MEETING SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
TITLE: TITLE BEGINS "IMPLEMENTATION OF..." GROUP B HAS
NOT DISCUSSED, BUT US DEL WILL ARGUE FOR DELETION OF
THESE WORDS.
PREAMB. PARA. 3: US DEL NOTED THAT SECOND HALF OF
SENTENCE RAISES DIFFICULTIES. SINCE IT DIFFICULT TO
ARGUE THAT UNCTAD HAS NO ROLE TO PLAY IN
EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, US DEL
RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FOLLOWING
REFORMULATION: "AND THE CONTRIBUTION UNCTAD CAN MAKE
TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 'A' NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER." AS FALL BACK, CAN WE ACCEPT "THE" NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER?
OP PARA 1: SEE ABOVE.
OP PARA 2A: ALL GROUP B AGREE THAT IMPROPER FOR UNCTAD
SECGEN "TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW" GA RESOLUTIONS. GROUP WILL
PROPOSE REDRAFTING OF CHAPEAU ALONG LINES "...TAKING INTO
CONSIDERATION THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE DISCUSSIONS, ETC." AND
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RE-LETTERING REMAINING SUBPARAGRAPHS.
OP PARA 2C: GROUP B WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE "REQUIRED"
CHANGED TO "DECIDED" IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SECRETARIAT
STUDIES SHOULD BE IN RESPONSE TO DECISIONS OF BOARD OR
OTHER BODIES. CONCLUDING PHRASE "FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
FO THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION" WILL HAVE TO BE
DELETED OR WILL RAISE SAME DIFFICULTIES AS OP PARA 1.
OP APRA 2D: GROUP B FINDS LANGUAGE OPAQUE AND IS WORRIED

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BY POSSIBILITY THAT INDENTIFICATION OF SHORTFALLS AND
POLICIES MIGHT BE ON COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BASIS. IT WAS
NOTED THAT TEXT OF PARA LIFTED FROM OMNIBUS RESOUTION
WHERE IT ORIGINALLY ADDRESSED TO REVIEW AND APPRAISAL
COMMITTEE. THUS G-77 MAY AGAIN ARGUE THEY "CAN ACCEPT NO
LESS." REQUEST US DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO SEEK REVISION
BUT TO ACCEPT IF G-77 INSIST, SINCE SECGEN'S STUDY CAN
BE ALONG LINES LAID OUT IN TEXT WHETHER TDB SO INSTRUCTS
OR NOT.
OP PARA 3: US DEL ALONE IN WISHING DELETION OF WORD
"PRIORITY". OTHER GROUP B DELS ARGUE THAT EVERYTING
IN UNCTAD RECEIVES PRIORITY ATTENTION, THEREFORE THERE
IS NO EFFECT TO THE WORD. USDEL INTENDS TO ACCEPT. WITH
REGARD TO CONCLUDING PHRASE, "AND TO ADOPT SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THEIR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION,"
GROUP B WILL ARGUE THAT REFERENCE TO IMPLEMENTATION WILL
HAVE TO BE DELETED OR WILL RAISE SAME PROBLEMS AS OP PARA 1.
IN ADDITON, GROUP B WILL RESIST USE OF WORD "ADOPT" IN
ANY FORMULATION SINCE PARA AIMED AT ALL SUBSIDIARY BODIES.
O PARA 4: GROUP B WILL SEEK TO HAVE " NEW COMMITMENTS"
DELETED, ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE HERE AGAIN LIFTED FROM ECOSOC
RESOLUTION. (BY THIS POINT IN DISCUSSION, SEVERAL
GROUP B DELEGATIONS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DISTURBED AT
POSITION OF THEIR DELEGATIONS AT ECOSOC.)
OP PARA 5: ACCEPTABLE.
OP PARA 6: US DEL LODGED STRONGB OBJECTION, ARGUING ITS
IMPROPIETY. OTHER GROUP B DELS FELT THAT PARA COULD NOT
BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THEREFORE ITS ADOPTION WOULD BE
MEANINGLESS. IT WAS AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT REP WOULD
BE ASKED WHAT POSSIBLE ACTIION UN SYG COULD TAKE ON
BASIS OF THIS PARA AND THAT FURTHER POSITION WOULD BE
CONSIDERED ON BASIS OF REPLY.

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6. MEMBER OF FRENCH DELEGATION (CHOLLET) HAS APPROACHED
US TO MAKE MORE EXPLICIT HIS CONCERN OVER FAILURE
OF HIS AND OTHER DELEFATIONS TO OPPOSE TEXT OF OP PARA 1
AT ECOSOC AND SOUND OUT US POSITION. HE FEELS ABSTENTION
NOT ADEQUATE AT THIS POINT. HE HAS ASKED FOR AUTHORI-
ZATION TO VOTE AGAINST OP PARA 1 AND HAS URGED OTHER EC
DELS TO DO LIKEWISE.
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